

## THEME:

# Civic Core and Identity

## A People Focused Heart

## Cookstown

### Your Place

### Your Plan

### WHAT'S IT ABOUT ?

Civic Core and identity reimagines Cookstown's town centre as a vibrant civic heart - a people-centred place that reflects local character and strengthens everyday life. Cookstown's famously long, broad main street, framed by historic buildings, gives the town a distinctive identity and a strong sense of place. Yet the dominance of traffic means the centre is often experienced more as a thoroughfare than a destination. With the planned bypass set to ease congestion, there is now an opportunity to refocus the civic core as a place for people - a welcoming, accessible space that celebrates Cookstown's heritage, reflects its distinctive character, and offers more opportunities for connection, culture, and everyday life. This is the moment to reassert the main street as a true civic stage at the heart of community life.



#### PROPOSALS:

Revitalise the Saturday Market



Develop 'Meanwhile Use' initiative



Implement alleyway transformation programme



Support good quality town centre living



More public art and cultural activity in public spaces



Create a flexible civic space in the town centre



Increase dwell space opportunities



Safeguard the look and feel of the historic core